

Rivers	Sherman	Thompson
Rodriguez	Shimkus	Thornberry
Roemer	Shuster	Thune
Rogan	Sisisky	Thurman
Rogers	Skeen	Tiahrt
Rohrabacher	Skelton	Tierney
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (MI)	Trafigant
Rothman	Smith (NJ)	Turner
Roukema	Smith (OR)	Upton
Roybal-Allard	Smith (TX)	Velazquez
Royce	Smith, Adam	Visclosky
Rush	Smith, Linda	Walsh
Ryun	Snowbarger	Wamp
Sabo	Snyder	Watkins
Salmon	Solomon	Watt (NC)
Sanchez	Souder	Watts (OK)
Sanders	Spence	Weldon (FL)
Sandlin	Stearns	Weldon (PA)
Sawyer	Stenholm	Weller
Saxton	Stokes	Wexler
Scarborough	Strickland	Weygand
Schaefer, Dan	Stump	Whitfield
Schaffer, Bob	Stupak	Wicker
Schumer	Sununu	Wise
Scott	Talent	Wolf
Sensenbrenner	Tanner	Wynn
Serrano	Tauzin	Young (AK)
Sessions	Taylor (MS)	Young (FL)
Shaw	Taylor (NC)	
Shays	Thomas	

## NOT VOTING—17

Ackerman	Goss	Schiff
Dicks	Hefner	Stabenow
English	Houghton	Tauscher
Foglietta	Lewis (CA)	White
Furse	Moran (VA)	Yates
Gonzalez	Neal	

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So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER  
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2029

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the name of the gentleman from Florida [Mr. HASTINGS] be removed as cosponsor of my bill, H.R. 2029, the Selective Service Registration Privacy Act of 1997. His name was placed on this legislation in error.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COBLE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

## SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. FARR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. FARR addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. JONES] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

IN SUPPORT OF DIVERSITY IN  
HIGHER EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DOGGETT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon in solidarity with several thousand students at the University of Texas who yesterday were on the main mall there in front of the tower at the University of Texas to express their concerns about the need for diversity in education throughout the University of Texas system and, in particular, to express their concerns about some very unfortunate comments that were made in the previous week by a member of the University of Texas faculty.

Indeed, to call them unfortunate is quite charitable. Because it appeared to me that masquerading under some form of pseudo-intellectualism, these comments demeaned African-American and Hispanic-American students, their families, and many hard-working Texan taxpayers that finance the University of Texas system and have every reason to be concerned when those who are attending the University of Texas, those who are teaching at the University of Texas, do not reflect the rich diversity of our State.

I know, from my own experience as a lifelong Texan, that the comments that were made by that professor are quite contrary to reality. Some of the hardest working people that I see, some of the people that I see in the central Texas area most concerned with educational advancement and contributing to our community, are people that were unfortunately and unwisely and unfairly attacked during the last week by the comments of that University of Texas professor.

Putting those comments behind us must be done in the context of moving forward at the university to try to assure most diversity. An all-white university is not going to be a university that gives its students, white, brown, black, yellow, or any other color, a sense of what it is to participate in a diverse society and to compete economically in the global marketplace that involves tremendous diversity.

So, for the future of all of us, without regard to race or ethnicity, we need a university educational system across this country that assures that every American has an opportunity to participate, and that puts behind us the racist days of the past and looks forward to working together to provide that educational opportunity for our citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish this afternoon to address a second issue that came up on the floor today and a very closely related issue that needs to come up in the future. Today we had a very interesting matter come up. In fact, it consumed only about 10 minutes of time. And that 10 minutes, without prior announcement, dealt with a little matter of a \$50 billion tax

break that was stuck into page 300-and-some-odd of the balanced budget agreement to give a \$50 billion tax break that was never discussed for 1 second on the floor of this Congress, in either the House or the Senate, to the major tobacco companies of this country.

□ 1615

I think it no coincidence that those same tobacco companies that got a \$50 billion tax break at the expense of the rest of the American taxpayers, that they just happened to be very involved in the political process. In fact, as I looked over the figures, the No. 1 and the No. 2 corporate contributors were tobacco companies in soft money to the Republican Party this year. Though certainly not anywhere near as much as to the Republicans, they gave an ample amount of soft money to the Democratic Party as well.

It seems to me that what makes Americans cynical about the way this Congress works is to see that kind of thing happen, where hundreds of thousands of dollars, in fact I think the tobacco companies in the first 6 months of this year gave about \$2 million in soft money to political parties, and then in month 7, not coincidentally in month 7, they get a \$50 billion tax break.

What was particularly strange about this situation is that while no one would claim the parentage, the paternity, for this tax break, that today suddenly by unanimous consent it is now gone, and I think it tells us a lot about where we are headed as we consider this tobacco settlement that has been proposed, as we consider other issues that concern the tobacco industry. We need to have them exposed in the full light of day rather than handled in the back room.

The second thing it tells us is that we have a very, very strong need for full and complete campaign finance reform. Many of us have been out here day in and day out since we came back in September saying, give us campaign finance reform now. Only Monday in Georgia, Speaker GINGRICH was again saying he was opposed to doing that. It will only be by the demand of the American people that we get that changed.

IN MEMORY OF BILL BURNS,  
PITTSBURGH BROADCASTING ICON

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COBLE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. KLINK] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the House to lament the death and to pay tribute to a gentleman who for literally millions of people in the Pittsburgh region has been a father figure, has been a source of information and inspiration. His name is William Michael Burns.

Bill Burns, as he was known to so many of his viewers on the television